

**CITY OF SHOREVIEW  
MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
May 16, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Shoreview City Council was called to order by Mayor Martin on May 16, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Mayor Martin; Councilmembers Huffman, Quigley, Wickstrom and Withhart.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Martin requested the addition of two items to the *Special Order of Business* portion of the meeting: 1) a Vikings Stadium update; and 2) a short discussion on the redistricting proposal received by Ramsey County.

MOTION: by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to approve the May 16, 2011 agenda as amended.

VOTE:                      Ayes - 5              Nays - 0

**PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**Beverley Driscoll**, White Bear League of Women Voters, stated they are working with the League of Women Voters and Open World to host six visitors from Tajikistan. The visit is sponsored by Open World, an agency funded by Congress to bring people from the area of Russia to the United States in a cultural and information exchange.

Mayor Martin presented Shoreview pins to each visitor as they were introduced.

Tessia Melvin, Liaison to Human Rights Commission, stated that each year the Shoreview Human Rights Commission participates in the Minnesota Human Rights Commission annual state essay contest. The contest is open to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

This year the essay subject was “How Do Human Rights Apply to You and Your Peers in Your School and Community.” Eleven essays were received this year from area middle schools. Three were chosen to advance to the statewide contest.

Mayor Martin presented certificates of recognition to Jennifer Madaras, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner statewide; Logan Mahoney; and Kendall Monson. Their essays will be posted on the City website.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were none.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

#### **Mayor Martin:**

A reminder about watering restrictions this year. Only one water tower will be in service until July because of repairs and repainting. Enforcement will be strict. Residents are asked to be vigilant and only water lawns on assigned days. If anyone has any questions, please call City Hall.

The Farmers Market opens June 14, 2011, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Mayor Martin will be present to greet and provide treats to all who come on the first day.

On Wednesday, June 15, 2011, the first of the summer concert series will begin at 7:00 p.m. The first concert is with Don Perry and the Ice Cream Band. All are welcome. The Shoreview Community Foundation will be handing out free ice cream treats at the concert.

#### **Councilmember Withhart:**

Shoreview was notified that it was first public facility statewide and nationwide to be certified gold under the new LEED 2009 construction standards for the new Maintenance Center.

#### **Councilmember Quigley:**

A reminder that the Economic Development Commission will hold its Business Exchange meeting Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Garden Inn between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

#### **Councilmember Wickstrom:**

Thank you to everyone who donated to Shoreview parks through the Friends of the Parks tree sale.

The Shoreview Green Communities has been doing maintenance work on the rain gardens at Fire Station No. 4 (near Island Lake Park). There will be an opportunity for anyone to volunteer on Sunday May 22, at 12:30 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Withhart requested three reports be pulled under item No. 4 for separate discussion.

**MOTION:** by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Withhart to adopt the consent agenda of May 16, 2011, approving the necessary motions and resolutions for item Nos. 1 through 12, excluding No. 4.

Discussion:

Regarding the Community Development report, Councilmember Withhart asked which neighborhoods would be in the SHINE program this year. Mr. Schwerm answered the area west of Hamline Avenue, north of County Road I up to Lexington Avenue, and Lake Avenue at the intersection of County Road I and Lexington.

Councilmember Withhart thanked Public Works Director Mark Maloney and his crews who were out early on Mother's Day to repair a 16-inch water main break.

Councilmember Withhart stated that he is pleased to see staff working with cleaning vendors to use greener cleaning supplies in the City Hall/Community Center.

Mayor Martin explained that the SHINE program is a proactive code enforcement program throughout the City. City staff visit two neighborhoods a year to remind residents of any violations in yard maintenance and car parking. Notices are left on the door for residents with two weeks to remedy the situation.

Councilmember Huffman stated that he would amend his motion.

**MOTION:** by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Withhart to adopt the consent agenda of May 16, 2011, approving the necessary motions and resolutions for item Nos. 1 through 12:

1. May 2, 2011 City Council Meeting Minutes
2. May 2, 2011 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
3. Receipt of Committee/Commission Minutes:  
Economic Development Authority, April 11, 2011

4. Monthly Reports:
  - Administration
  - Community Development
  - Finance
  - Public Works
  - Park and Recreation
5. Verified Claims in the Amount of \$765,286.94
6. Purchases
7. Approval of Application for Exempt Permit - Retrieve A Golden of Minnesota, Inc.
8. 2011 Budget Amendment (Consolidation of Activities)
9. Minor Subdivisions - 3289 Emmert Street, Grubers
10. Award of Quote - Banquet Room Tables
11. Award of Quote - Sitzer Park Concession Stand Improvements
12. Authorize Bids for 2011 Seal Coat Project, CP 11-06

VOTE:           Ayes - 5                           Nays - 0

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were none.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **AUTHORIZE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDER IMPROVEMENT - BUFFALO LANE RECONSTRUCTION, CP 11-09**

#### **Presentation by Assistant City Engineer Tom Wesolowski**

A Feasibility Study for this project was received by the Council on March 7, 2011, and a public hearing was called. At its April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Council held the public hearing and tabled ordering preparation of plans and specifications to this May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting in order to give residents time to determine the cost to fix their septic systems and consider that cost in comparison to the proposed assessment.

The proposed project is to remove the old road and put in a 20-foot wide new road with surmountable curb and gutter. Because of the road width preferred by residents, no parking is recommended on either side. The water main and sanitary sewer will be extended to provide City water to all properties. A storm sewer system will also be installed.

In using an overlay of the project on a Ramsey County survey map, discrepancies were found. Staff then ordered a survey. The corrected data did not change the proposed location of the road in the Feasibility Report. However, the actual road right-of-way did change, which means that the new road is moved 8 feet to the east instead of 20 feet to the east that was anticipated in the feasibility study.

A neighborhood meeting was held May 11, 2011, when the updated information was conveyed. Residents with septic systems stated that the best solution would be to connect to City sewer service. The road alignment is supported in light of the survey information showing that the new road will be following more closely to the actual roadway.

The cost estimate for the project is \$330,000. Funding sources will be the Street Renewal Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund and Surface Water Fund plus assessments. The maximum assessment with connection to City utilities is \$13,770, to be paid back in 15 years. Additional fees with sanitary sewer connection are \$2,535.

The proposed schedule for this project is:

Approve plans and specifications	June 6, 2011
Bid Opening	July 12, 2011
Council Award Contract	July 18, 2011
Construction Starts	August 2011
Construction Complete	Sept./Oct. 2011
Assessment Hearing	Sept./Oct. 2012

Mayor Martin opened the discussion to public comment. There was none.

Councilmember Huffman asked for further explanation regarding repair of the failing septic systems. Mr. Wesolowski stated that he received phone calls indicating that they would have to have a mound system. The residents then determined it would be more cost effective to connect to City utilities.

Councilmember Withhart asked if the road alignment is within the actual surveyed roadway. Mr. Wesolowski stated that the alignment has not changed. What changed was the right-of-way of the original road, which means the new alignment is within the road right-of-way with enough room for snow storage.

Mayor Martin asked if storm water drainage direction was discussed with residents. Mr. Wesolowski responded that it was discussed at the May 11, 2011 meeting. Elevation can be adjusted to make sure it is the lowest point for drainage from driveways and yards. No acquisition of easements will be necessary. Mr. Schwerm added that water draining into yards will be captured with catch basins and be reduced.

**MOTION:** by Councilmember Quigley, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to adopt Resolution No. 11-22 directing the preparation of plans and specifications and ordering the improvements for the Buffalo Lane Reconstruction, City Project 11-09.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Huffman, Quigley, Wickstrom, Withhart, Martin  
Nays: None

**APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS**

City Manager Schwerm stated that the liquor licenses in the City expire on June 30, 2011. Criminal background checks were completed on managers. All taxes are up to date. There are no direct complaints at the Sheriff's Department that relate to liquor at these establishments. Compliance checks were done in December 2010 and showed no violations. Staff is recommending renewal of the liquor licenses.

MOTION: by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Withhart to approve the following liquor license renewals for the license term of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012:

<b>Establishment</b>	<b>Type of License</b>
Kozlak's Royal Oak Restaurant	On Sale Intoxicating and Sunday
Green Mill Restaurant	On Sale Intoxicating and Sunday
Meister's Bar and Grill	On Sale Intoxicating and Sunday
Hilton Garden Inn	On Sale Intoxicating and Sunday
Red Robin Gourmet Burger and Spirits	On Sale Intoxicating and Sunday
Bacchus Wine and Spirits	Off Sale Intoxicating
Back Yard Liquor	Off Sale Intoxicating
Rice Creek Liquor	Off Sale Intoxicating
Walt's Liquor, Wine and Spirits	Off Sale Intoxicating
Target	Off Sale 3.2 Malt Beverage
Rainbow	Off Sale 3.2 Malt Beverage
Island Lake Golf Course	On Sale 3.2 Malt Beverage
Mansetti's Pizza and Pasta	On Sale 3.2 Malt Beverage and Wine
Wok Cuisine	On Sale 3.2 Malt Beverage and Wine
Red Ginger and China Bistro	On Sale 3.2 Malt Beverage and Wine

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Quigley, Wickstrom, Withhart, Huffman, Martin  
Nays: None

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Congressional Redistricting**

Mr. Schwerm reported that Ramsey County sent a letter to the City last week. There was concern that the County would be split into two congressional districts. A resolution or letter of support is requested from cities to be sent to the state legislative delegation.

Councilmember Withhart questioned that it is the most advantageous for Shoreview to remain in the same district as St. Paul. On the other hand, he does not know if it would be better for the district to be split.

Councilmember Wickstrom expressed her support for keeping one district. She noted that Shoreview is currently split among three state senate districts, which has not been advantageous. She believes it would be difficult to have to contact more than one lobbyist in Congress. Councilmember Quigley stated that with the matter probably going to court, it is a complicated issue to comment on what has been presented.

It was the consensus of the Council to not send a formal letter of support.

**Vikings Stadium**

Mayor Martin reported meeting with Mayors of Mounds View, New Brighton, Arden Hills and Roseville. By speaker phone, Ramsey County Commissioner Bennett updated Mayors on the possibility of a Vikings Stadium on the TCAAP property. The biggest obstacles are transportation costs, which are in excess of the \$300 million the state was willing to commit. According to Commissioner Bennett, the next few days will be spent in trying to refine transportation costs. Commissioner Bennett stated he would appreciate a letter of support. Also, the Mayor of Arden Hills requested a letter of support.

Mayor Martin distributed a letter with additional information from Ramsey County. The letter addressed some concerns raised by Shoreview.

Mr. Schwerm stated that the site plan shown is proposed by the Vikings, not Ramsey County or Arden Hills. The exact location of the stadium and parking has yet to be determined.

Councilmember Wickstrom stated that responses she has received from residents are overwhelmingly against locating the Vikings Stadium in this area. She does not believe the Council should support it.

Councilmember Quigley stated that he would be wary at this point to support the site, as there is not yet good and accurate information. Also, the Council does not have an accurate account of what residents in Shoreview would want.

Councilmember Huffman stated that agreement is currently between the County and the Vikings without any conversations regarding local municipal issues. The Council does not know enough to have an opinion. Questions the City has raised need to be addressed. It is difficult to know what to do with no conversations having taken place. The impact to Shoreview and north suburbs is monumental not to mention whether it should be publicly financed. He would not support a stadium on this site.

Councilmember Withhart stated that he is unsure of his position. There has been no consultation with Shoreview. Target Field was built without a local process. It is his hope that is not done with the Vikings Stadium and that public hearings be held. The road improvements could be good for Shoreview, but the issues of crime and environmental impact are negatives. There is not enough information to make any determination on these issues.

Mayor Martin stated that emails she has received are mostly opposed. She agrees there is not enough information. One thing that is misunderstood is that the location of a stadium would not be along Lexington Avenue. The eastern two-thirds of the TCAAP site is actually controlled by the National Guard. The location would be along I-35W, which is flat and covered with contaminated buildings. Her concern is that the only way this property will be properly cleaned up and developed would be with a development like the stadium. There is not enough information to take a position on the proposal. She urged residents to contact their legislative delegation and County Board and City of Arden Hills.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Councilmember Quigley to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

Mayor Martin declared the meeting adjourned.

THESE MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2011.

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Terry C. Schwerm  
City Manager